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SUBJECT: NOTE PROTESTING SOVIET NONFULFILLMENT OF MARITIME AGREEMENT

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1. SUMMARY: I DELIVERED EMBASSY NOTE PROTESTING VIOLATION MARITIME AGREEMENT TO KORNIYENKO AUGUST 5. WHILE HIS REPLY WAS NONCOMMITTAL, HE AGREED TO LOOK INTO US COMPLAINT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION REP LIST 18 ON AUGUST 5, REPORTED SEPTTEL, I PRESENTED EMBASSY NOTE TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO PROTESTING SOVIET NON-FULFILLMENT OF US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT. IN MY ORAL PRESENTATION, I EMPHASIZED SERIOUS CONCERN WITH WHICH WE REGARD THE CURRENT SOVIET NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THAT AGREEMENT AS WELL AS WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1975 MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE RATE FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GRAIN TO THE USSR BY US FLAG VESSELS. I NOTED THAT THIS CONTINUED NON-FULFILLMENT OF THE AGREEMENT CAN ONLY LEAD TO AN EROSION OF THE MARITIME RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN BUILT UP OVER PAST FOUR YEARS.

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3. KORNIYENKO ASKED WHETHER NOTE CONTAINED SPECIFICS, TO WHICH I REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. HE REMARKED THAT FAULT MIGHT NOT LIE WITH SOVIET SIDE AND INQUIRED WHETHER IN FACT, US HAS SHIPPING CAPACITY TO HANDLE US SHARE OF GRAIN, TO WHICH I ALSO ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

4. KORNIYENKO THEN STATED THAT THE MARITIME AGREEMENT FOLLOWED LONG, COMPLEX TALKS AND THAT THE RESULT WAS NOT FAVORABLE TO USSR. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID THAT THE US COMPLAINTS WOULD BE LOOKED INTO.
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